

like Mother Rosa Louise McCauley Parks.

We know our struggle against racism is a lifelong pursuit. As Mother Parks wrote: "Freedom fighters never retire."

Her memory continues to guide us.

I will add that freedom fighters never die.

I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this effort, and I am proud to have the opportunity to serve the incredible people of the 13 District Strong in our fight for equity and justice.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this effort.

CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, this week, we welcomed the Year of the Tiger with the first day of Lunar New Year.

Lunar New Year is an important holiday celebrated by many East and Southeast Asian countries. It is also celebrated widely by many Asian-American communities here in the United States, including our Orange County community in California.

As we reflect on our blessings this new year, I am grateful for the opportunity to be a voice for our Asian-American community in Congress.

Madam Speaker, 2022 is the Year of the Tiger, which symbolizes courage and bravery.

With the new year comes a new beginning and the hope of better days ahead. I hope that this year brings everyone strength, prosperity, and happiness.

(English translation of the statement made in Korean, Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Japanese is as follows:)

"Happy new year."

Korean: "saehae bok mani badeuseyo"

Mandarin: "Xīnnián kuàilè"

Vietnamese: "Chúc Mừng Năm Mới"

Japanese: "Akemashite omedetō"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from California will provide the Clerk a translation of her remarks.

PRIORITIZING EL PASO, TEXAS

(Ms. ESCOBAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I have the honor of representing El Paso, Texas, a critical hub for commerce and trade with one of the busiest land ports of entry in the country.

Today, I am proud to have voted for the passage of the America COMPETES Act to strengthen supply chains, U.S. competitiveness, and create good-paying STEM jobs at home. It will build on policies championed by congressional Democrats and President Biden that

have led to a historic year of job creation, as shown in today's jobs report.

The bill includes my amendments to address many El Paso priorities on local job creation, addressing the climate crisis, and optimizing our ports of entry.

One of my amendments creates a mandatory set-aside specifically for small businesses, the backbone of our local economy, to move into the solar component manufacturing sector.

Additionally, I included amendments that respond to the climate crisis by ensuring that we reduce deforestation and carbon dioxide emissions in developing nations and allow environmental defenders to assist in developing our climate-resilient strategy.

My amendments also address the needs of our ports of entry, El Paso's major artery for trade and commerce.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to have also addressed inflation.

PENALIZING NUCLEAR FAMILIES

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, as we go on recess for a couple of days, I want to call, one more time, attention to Robert Rector's article in The Heritage Foundation talking about the one group in America that is genuinely discriminated against: the hardworking middle class with a nuclear family with a dad.

As Rector points out, changes made in the Build Back Better Act, particularly a lot more money for low-income housing, will create up to a \$14,000 penalty that nuclear families will face when the husband and wife get married as opposed to a single family.

This is true, and this does not include other things such as, for example, Pell grants. I know the Democrat Party wants to give free college to illegal immigrants, whereas if you are a child with a mom and dad at home working, Madam Speaker, you have to go deeply in debt.

I strongly want people in this institution to focus on the nuclear family, a sizeable segment of the population, and stop discriminating against them. Give them the same things that the more favored classes get.

REMEMBERING LULAMAE CLEMONS

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Lulamae Clemons, a champion for social justice and a longtime Riverside community activist.

I knew Lulamae in the 1980s when I was getting involved in the Greater Riverside Urban League. To this day, I remember her graceful yet determined presence and her efforts to advance racial equality in our community.

Lulamae was a true pioneer. She devoted herself to her community and was persistent in her fight for quality education and fairer housing.

As the first Black administrator hired by the Riverside Office of Education and vice president of the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Lulamae empowered minorities and broke barriers.

Lulamae understood the preciousness of civil rights, equality, and opportunity for all.

To the family of Lulamae Clemons and all those who knew, loved, and respected her, I offer my deepest condolences. Her legacy will continue to live on.

HONORING TYLER BALDWIN, A WEST VIRGINIAN HOMETOWN HERO

(Mr. MOONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, I stand before you to share a story of West Virginia's Second Congressional District's own hometown hero, Tyler Baldwin.

Tyler Baldwin is a 17-year-old young man from Newville, West Virginia, who risked his own life to rush into his neighbor's burning home.

On the morning of November 29, 2021, Tyler was going through his daily routine of getting ready for school, and he noticed his neighbor's house was on fire.

He knew his neighbor had mobility issues. Without hesitation, Tyler sprinted into the blaze and smoke and helped his neighbor escape. Tyler was treated for minor injuries, and the homeowner was shaken up but okay.

It is an honor for my staff and me to present Tyler with a formal letter of gratitude and a Congressional Certificate of Recognition at a ceremony put together by his school. I want to thank him for selflessly putting others first and congratulate him on being an upstanding citizen in his community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MS. EVA WILLIAMS

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a distinguished community member of the Massachusetts Seventh, Ms. Eva Williams.

Born and raised in Boston, Ms. Williams learned the value of hard work and determination at an early age. She embodied resilience and a love for her family and community, and she never let the challenges of life prevent her from following her own dreams.

Ms. Williams worked over 20 years as a bus operator for the MBTA. After retiring, she enjoyed spending more time with her children and grandchildren.